marriages. FELL DOWN A SHAFT. - Frank Baker, a farmer living near Independence fell down an elevator shaft in an implement store and died from his injuries,

LIBRARY RECEPTION .- At a formal New Year's reception the new public library rooms were first thrown open to the people of the city of Abilene. Miss Lida Romig, a K. S. U. graduate, is the librarian.

KANSAS APPOINTMENTS. -The president has appointed the following postmasters in Kansas: William C. Palmer. Jewell; Caddie Smith, Lebanon; Joseph H. Woolen, Mankato; Sydney W. Gould, Weir.

DOCTORS MEET.-Physicians from ten counties in that part of Kansas met in Concordia and organized the Third district auxiliary of the Kansas State Medical Society, with Dr. Sawhill, of Concordia, president.

ON CENTRAL BRANCH.-The heavy business being done along the Central Branch road has compelled the Western Union to string an extra wire as far west as Concordia, making four wires between Blue Rapids and Atchison.

MORE MODERN COAL CHUTES .- W. C. Stiff's force of carpenters having finished the coal chute at Syracuse, has gone to Lamar to build one. From Lamar he goes to Garden City to put in a modern chute. The Lakin chute will then be torn out.

DEATH OF MRS. DR. HEWITT .- Mrs. Lulu S. Hewitt died at Topeka on January 7. She was a daughter of the Rev. Dr. McCabe, so long a Topeka pastor, and her husband was president of the Presbyterian college of Emporia, of which Mrs. Hewitt was a member of the faculty. Her sister Martha is now a member of the faculty.

NEW ROCK ISLAND DEPOT .- The ground has been surveyed at Salina for a New Rock Island depot to be erected soon. The building will be on the site of the present station. The present depot will be moved and used as a freight house. This improvement by the Rock Island is the first of many tion is formed to further the interests railroad improvements to be made in Salina this year.

AN ANCIENT GUN .- It is claimed that the gun which discharged the first shot at the battle of Bunker Hill is the property of Samuel N. Simpson, of Kansas City. Kas. He is a grandson of the Revolutionary soldier," John Simpson, of Deerfield, N. H., who fired the shot in violation of the order, "don't shoot until you see until you can see the whites of their eyes."

DOUBLED THEIR RECEIPTS .- The Kansas City Journal says that northeastern Kansas horticulturists who has been in operation for nineteen sent their pear crop into cold storage months, during which time 4,782 aplast fall are now in clover. When the erop was picked pears were worth \$4.50 of which 4,029 were supplied. During the others will have to. a barrel. Now they are worth \$9 and the same time there were 2,062 applithe price is still advancing. Several farmers have made from \$3,000 to furnished. \$5,000 each by holding their pears.

ABOUT 250 MEN.-The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is stringing six wires from Wichita to Fort Scott via El Dorado. Another extension under way is a direct line to Woodward, Okla., through Alva and many other towns. Another is a line from El Dorado to Iola, and one from South Haven to Geuda Springs. In this work there are employed 22 gangs with an average of 14 men.

COAL FROM THE PENITENTIARY .- It takes close to 5,000 tons of coal each month to supply the various state inthe state penitentiary reports that during the month of December he had supplied the state institutions with 116 -868 bushels of coal valued at about

MORE PROMPT TAX PAYING .- County Treasurer Philips, of Shawnee county, finds that there was \$59,000 more paid in taxes before the end of the year than in 1901.

INDIAN GIBLS VICTORIOUS.-The BUTTER PAYS MORE THAN CHEESE .-The Cheese factories in some sections Haskell Indian girl basket ball team won from the Topeka high school team of Central Kansas are being changed deep which has an abundant supply of on the Haskell court by a score of 25 to skimming stations for creameries, it good engine water. The well has an to 5. It was a fast and hard game being more profitable to make butter artesian flow. The Santa Fe has orfrom the start, but the locals had all than cheese at the present prices and dered one dug under the supervision of the best of it. They were faster than farmers securing better prices for milk Mr. Sunday at Syracuse. their opponents and had a faculty of in that form. always getting hold of the ball.

RAINFALL INCREASE.-The annual exceeded in rainfall only by the years 1876 and 1888.

larger than last year. GUILTY OF MURDER .- J. C. Lowe, a WAR ON SLOT MACHINES.-The Abilene city council has begun the new year by beginning war on slot machines, many of which are in operation. The marshal has been ordered to close all such machines and to ar- jury. Mrs. Lowe was matron of the his horses. rest parties who continue to run them. Industrial school when she was killed

SHE USED FLOUR.-A gasoline stove exploded in a Wichita restaurant and the room was filled with the blaze. sack of flour on it.

KANSAS EXPORTS INCREASE. - Flouring mills of Junction City have completed an order for 5,000 140-pound bags of flour that was exported direct two Martins, two Kings, two Johnsons, of its contents burned. Mrs. Guest from Junction City to Belfast, Ireland, two Browns, two McKees and three and another of 2,000 280-pound sacks Jones. of flour which was sent to Glasgow, Scotland. At present they are working on a shipment of five carloads of

flour that is to go to Mexico. bore for gas and oil. All lines of busi-SEVEN INCH ICE.-Clay Center ice men opened the new year by cutting seven inch ice in the Republican river. The ice is clear and hard. in an effort to hold a bond election.

PROBABLE SUICIDE -James Nelson, aged 53, a farmer near Salina, was found dead at his home. His family was away on a visit and he had apparently been dead several days. A leasing for a period of five years. He officers announce that they will prose letter found dated ten days before he has employed some miners from the cute four Leavenworth merchants was found indicated that he contem- Osage district and will put the mine in under arrest in order to put a stop to plated suicide when the note was writ- operation immediately.

cultural society.

CHRISTMAS WEATHER -E. P. Harris says that on Christmas of 1856 as a | The year 1902 was an exceedingly printer in Lawrence he set type without a fire in the office, and that the the thirteenth annual meeting of the windows were open in the middle of the day. He says that a company of the free state militia were out on the prairie drilling in their shirt sleeves. G. D. Baker, of Wichita, remembers that on his preemption claim in Nema- peka, is the busiest man at the state ha county there were volunteer peas in | capital. bloom on Christmas day, 1860.

to Coats in carriages, and the wrecking

was strong, rates high and security

good. The indications are for a more

prosperous year to come, as the busi-

ness of the state is in excellent condi-

STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY .- T. B.

the wind during the night of Jan. 6-7.

had a velocity of 50 to 60 miles an hour.

FIRE AT GOODLAND. -One business

AFRAID OF HIS WIFE .- John V.

salesman of \$300 a year.

was only partially insured.

her to meet his mother.

result of jealousy.

that county in 1864.

DUPLICATE NAMES.—There will be

To REOPEN JEWELL MINES.-Judge

found.

crew came from Wellington.

OLD PEOPLE PROVIDED FOR -Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rinker, two old people A LAW ABIDING TOWN.-The Newton Kansan says that the county jail of Arkansas City, have fallen heir to in Newton was without prisoners on an estate in Illinois and their share of January 5 for the first time in many the property will be over \$5,000. They years. The Kansan adds: "Newton are very poor and live in a shanty in a is indeed a quiet and law abiding town poor part of the city. Both are very and is located in a peaceful county. feeble and this will be enough to keep The police court of our city is seldom them comfortable for the balance of their days. disturbed by business and our district court has for its consideration hardly CANNOT DEPEND ON WINDS .- The sufficient number of criminal cases to

Union Pacific is preparing to install a hold a jury for one day. gasoline engine at every tank station SANTA FE OFFICE BUILDING .- A in the state where the water is pumped \$5,000 office building is to be erected by windmills, in order to be certain of at Arkansas City near the passenger a water supply when the wind power depot for the use of the division superfails. The company has found that it cannot afford to risk placing its deintendent, trainmaster and dispatchers of the division. The superintenpendence on the winds. dent's offices are now located in leased PIPING GAS TO CITY.-This work is buildings uptown, while the rest of rogressing at Pleasanton. There are the offices are at the South yards, one too good wells which have about 15

mile below town. This is made necespounds pressure. The buildings are sary by the building of the line southbeing plumbed and within a few weeks east from there. the stores and many residences will be CONSIDERING COAL FAMINE .- Mem- lighted with natural gas. bers of the legislature are considering LEASES ON 10,000 acres. - Senator W. the coal famine in western and cen-Fitzpatrick, of Chautauqua, is at tral Kansas counties and will try to correct the situation at the session of

the head of a syndicate of Sedan men which has acquired oil and gas leases the legislature which begins January 13. The charge is made that the railsection of the country. roads freely confiscate much of the coal that is shipped to the counties in CLAY BALLAST CONTRACTED .- The Rock Island has let a contract for question. Considerable suffering has

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR STOCKMEN. -

prosperous year for the stockmen, and

Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' as-

sociation, to be held at Topeka on

January 12, 13 and 14, has every prom-

ise of being a record breaker in attend

ance. Secretary H. A. Heath, of To-

600,000 yards of clay to be used on the tracks northwest of Herington. The WRECK AT COATS .- The Englewood passenger train went in the ditch two cubic yards per month. miles west of Coats. A baggage, mail and express and the smoking cars HAS THREE HOSPITALS.-This may turned completely over and the track be said of Winfield. Drs. Holcomb Clerk Denhollem and John Gant, a bought the Jaquins home on College

hurt. The passengers were brought and Sanitarium at once. BIG FARMER BOYS .- Two of them made trouble in a Nemaha county STOCKMEN AND FEEDERS .- An asso- school. The teacher had them arrested ciation of these two important factors | and they were sentenced to 60 days in

organized at Junction City. John supreme court. Cameron was elected president and PAST THE CENTURY MARK. -- Dr. John Robert M. Hay secretary. They are P. Wood, of Coffeyville, celebrated his both of Geary county. The association | 101st birthday on January 4. He has practiced his profession until a few of Central Kansas stock raisers and the papers. KANSAS BANKS THRIFTY.-E. E.

NEW COURT HOUSE. -The commis-Ames, national bank examiner, said at sioners of Douglas county have ap-Abilene: "The banks of Kansas have proved architects' plans for the \$80,000 closed the most prosperous year in court house to be built in Lawrence. their history. The demand for money Bids will be opened February 10. ANOTHER STATE BOARD .- The auc-

tioneers of Kansas met at Topeka and ask the legislature to create a state board for examination and registration and to give certificates. FLOUR MILLS OUT OF COAL -At Gerow's report says: "This bureau

Atchison it has become impossible to secure coal to supply local needs. A plications for work have been received, floaring mill has been shut down and OCCUPATION TAX .- Winfield

cations for help, of which 1,024 were occupation tax which produces revenue to the amount of about \$1,500 annually. SIXTY MILES AN HOUR.-The record | Each railroad entering the city puts kept by Dr. Snow at K. U. shows that up \$50 a year.

FREIGHT TIED UP .- The Santa Fe s said to have 5,000 ears of freight on TAX ON TRANSIENTS -The city coun- the sidings between Hutchinson and cil of Concordia adopted a license tax Raton which is tied up on account of on transient merchants and street the rush.

OTTAWA TO PAVE .- The city council of Ottawa voted to pave eight and one block is destroyed. The loss of \$25,000 half of the principal blocks in the main part of the town.

CITIES OF SECOND CLASS, -A call has been issued for a meeting at Topeka Brown, of Hutchinson, 22 years old, committed suicide by taking chloro- on January 15 of the mayors and city stitutions. Warden E. B. Jewett of form. He had been in ill health for attorneys of cities of the second class several months. He told friends a few to discuss and agree upon changes to married and that his wife would be which will be presented to the legislahere in a few days and he did not wish | ture.

A SHUCKER'S FEAT.-Lew Rassmus-THE GAS FEVER .- It has attacked son, of Lindsborg, shucked 4,500 bush-Arkansas City. The council has re- els of corn, making an average of 115 fused to give franchises to private cor- bushels a day. He took care of his porations but will buy the best well team did all the hauling and shoveled

it all into the cribs. ARTESIAN WELLS .- Mr. Sunday has completed a well at Coolidge \$12 feet

OUT OF COAL -Aside from what is STATE POULTRY SHOW .- Chicken stored in private bins there was not a fanciers commenced coming to Topeka ton of coal in Ottawa on January 7; saw a prairie dog and blazed report of Dr. Frank Snow on Kansas days before the opening of the state weather conditions notes that 1903 was poultry show. The show is being held days. Cobs and pine boxes furnish the barkeeper jumped three feet in the auditorium and the exhibits are many homes with all the fuel they from the floor. The others rushed to have.

BARN AND HORSES BURNED. -- Joseph teacher in the Kansas Industrial Anderson's transfer barn at Atchison School for boys, was found guilty of burned, together with six horses. The killing his wife. Murder in the second loss is \$10,000. Mr. Anderson was degree was the verdict returned by the | burned severely in trying to get out

PROBATE JUDGES MEET.-They held by her husband six months ago as a their annual meeting at Topeka. They discussed legislation needed in their PIONEER SALINE COUNTY WOMAN .- line and elected these officers for the Mrs. Latham, the proprietor's wife, Mrs. R. H. Dible, aged 60 years, wife coming year: President, H. D. Feder, with the assistance of the clerk, put of one of the early settlers of Saline Barton; vice president. W. F. Musser, out the fire by scattering a quarter county, is dead. Mrs Dible came to Salina; secretary and treasurer, W. E. Fagan, Shawnee.

BUICNED IN HER HOME.-Mrs. T. E. in the legislature two Adams, two Guest, of Alma, was burned to death Perkins, two Campbells, two Williams, in her home and the house with most was alone at the time, her husband having gone to Texas only a few days Business Men Meer .- An enthu- ago and all of the children were away siastic meeting of Emporia business from home. The fire started in the

men was held to get things started to kitchen. GOVERNOR LOSES MONEY. - Governor ness were represented and there was Stanley says in an interview that he much interest shown. Nearly \$150 spent \$1,000 a year more than his salwas raised in a few minutes to be used any for each of the four years during which he held the office of governor.

BOUGHT FROM SOLDIERS.-It is a J. C. Postlewaite, of Jewell City, has criminal offense to purchase any arleased the Waconda coal mine in Jewell | ticle of clothing or government propcounty for a year with a privilege of erty from a soldier and the military the further loss of government property TAXES PAID IN A DAY .- On the last at this point. Deputy marshals found ENTOMOLOGIST CHANGED. - Professor day of 1903 the sum of \$35,186.86 was large quantities of fur caps, fine cav-F. O. Popence, of K. A. C., is to be paid in for taxes in the office of the alry gloves, blankets and other govsucceeded by Prof. S. J. Hunter, of K. treasurer of Douglas county; the high ernment property at the premises of I U., as entomologist of the State Horti- water mark since the rolls of 1902 were the men arrested which they had secured from soldiers.

THE BALL AT BIG SPRINGS.

By JAMES GARDNER SLATER.

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The boys from the X Y ranch had | here of drag him over to Lick Skillet een busy for the falls' "round-up" and let the dogs eat him up?" at Abiline for months. They were The barkeeper hastily went to his now about ready to depart for their drawer. "Really," said he, "you winter home. The cattle had been didn't—" about herded in one bunch and were | "What's that! Didn't hey? Well,

"Well, shell her out; shell her out!"

Then the boys went down the little

agreed with them that the Chicago

spent about the amount they

You Cash in Fer Me When You Git

to Marlin. Something is to Happen

Springs or bust up the X Y outfit."

veyed him critically. "Pears to me,"

took the train for home.

in About a Week."

were laid upon the wooden bar.

prepared for the long drive south- we'll just show you a trick that you ward, where the grass was green the never heard of afore," and with that year round, and the winds not too he proceeded to draw his gun. evere to bring them discomfort. The In an instant the barkeeper's hands earlings, heifers and steers were were above his head. He begged fororraled two miles away from the giveness. If he had made a mistake, little town. At night, unless a storm he certainly would rectify it then and seemed imminent, half of the crew there. would go into the railroad station and disport themselves by shooting out they all demanded at once. And \$49.40 ights, riding horses into bar-rooms and the like. All of them ate at the Archer restaurant, not because the street, relating their experience to food was any better or cheaper than all the other saloonkeepers, served by the Palace, but because McIntosh, a clear-eyed, yankee was a crook. After having straight-limbed girl of some twenty ummers, slung the hash and shot the straddled their ponies and were soon beans at her sun-tanned customers. In Abilene again. "Stell" set out pies

She was of beautiful mold: her breast moved back and forth like the undulating waves of the sea; her arms were round at the shoulders and tapered down as gracefully as a sculptor's model. Her eyes were blue, she was wide-hipped, with a complexion like that of the underdown of a Georgia peach. She could play the guitar, do fancy work, and get along fairly well with the third reader. She could call cows and ride any broncho that ever nawed the earth.

All the boys were in love with her. on about 10,000 acres of land in that If she had any preference that could be perceived, it was for Calico Jake, whose tall figure was known to near ly every head of cattle between the Colorado and the Neuces. He could chew tobacco like a Cuban negro cut the pigeon-wing, ride anything contracting company will burn 30,000 from a horned toad to a giraffe, and he had no more compunction when it became necessary, to kill a man than a mustang would have for kicking at the man who had hit him with a quirt. was torn up for 100 yards. Postal and Boyle and Miss L. A. Wells have But Estelle, "Stell," as the boys called her, made no signs that she would passenger, of Belvidere, were slightly Hill and will convert it into a hospital be glad to jump over the broomstick with him.

Two weeks before the contemplated departure of the X Y outfit, nearly all the boys were in Archer's. The "Doc was there also. He wore a staked and ridered shirt, tan shoes and toted of Kansas' business interests has been jail. An appeal was taken to the a walking stick. He had but recently graduated from the medical school at El Paso, and settling at Abilene, where the men wore overalls and the women quite content with calicoes, he imagined himself about \$430 ahead of a National Bank. "Stell" had not at 7 o'clock would put them there in years ago; never used glasses and reads | liked him from the first, and she did not attempt to conceal her feelings. As the "Doc" started to go, he naive ly asked

"S'pose you are going to be the queen of the ball up to Big Springs, next week?

"I don't know ef that's any of your business," she replied, somewhat "Course you'll be there as warmly. king of the doodlebugs?" at which your neck," and off came the red banthe cowboys ha, ha, haed until the 'Doc" was out of hearing.

That night, while the stars looked down upon the boys who were now again in camp, Calico said to Buck- gan squeezing herself into a corset eve: "Say Buck It'll be a long time afore we get to a ball where they'll got it fastened. She frizzed her hair, nals of Syria, an oil-motor flour mill have one of these here base villians powdered her face, put on a velvet has been successfully started in this or wiolins, or whatever you call 'em. | colored dress, tied a blue belt around | land; it came from Indianapolis, and S'pose we run up to Big Springs and her waist and then she was ready. is now grinding wheat in Lebanon. shake our feet when the shindig comes off?"

Buckeye readily consented. Then the other boys were awakened and the Doc. But she turned him away. told of the scheme. Lots were to be drawn as to who should remain in ranch that attended and after "Stell" camp while the others were away. had danced with each one for a set, That was satisfactory and the idea she gave her time wholly to Calico. a good one. "But," spoke up 'Red' Parker, "whar the damnation is the money comin' from."

That put the others to thinking. The next morning five cowboys vere seen riding swiftly toward Abi lene. Calico went into the Archer hotel and restaurant alone. After a few moments' conversation with the train platform at Abilene, "Cali-"Stell," the boys galloped over the co" turned to "Buckeye" and said: hill. An hour's ride took them to Pantana, a village composed of five saloons, a general merchandise estabdays ago that he had been secretly be made in laws relating to their cities lishment, a livery stable, fifty-five

souls and 18,312 prairie dogs. They stopped at the first place they eached, which was known as the Some of the Finest Gems Are Liable "Last Chance saloon. Finest of Wines and Liquors." The boys slighted and went inside.

"Line up fellers and select your pardners. What'll it be?" said Jake. as he laid a five-dollar bill on the counter.

"Hornets juice, hornets' juice! they yelled out in unison, "and be damned quick about it." As the barkeeper, a recent importation from Chicago, having never seen men so loaded down with six-shooters, his hands trembled when he sat the bottle down. When the glasses had been filled and emptied, Calico denly looked out of the door



the door only to see the dog writhing in the dust of the public road. Men came rushing from other establishments, at the sound of the shots, but seeing that there was nothing doing in the way of a man fight, returned to the doors. Meantime the bar keeper had counted out the proper change for Calico-\$4.40.

"I do reckon I won-

him, 'Red'?' "Twenty? No. I didn't have nothhanded him, wasn't it, Buck?"

TURKEY WITH THREE BIG LEGS.

Bought by Bearding House Keeper, It Proved a Disappointment. In a coop of turkeys received by a commission man yesterday was one which had three legs. The whole number are visible between the slats of the coop, the extra one standing at a slight angle from the two others, but perfect in form down to the toe

The keeper of a small boarding house expressed a desire to purchase the turkey on account of the extra leg, and said he would like to have a whole coop of them, and would like them to have four legs, if possible. When asked why he desired so

many legs on turkeys, he said he always liked the leg of a turkey, and he had three boarders, and when there was turkey for dinner he always asked them what part they preferred, and all three of them always wanted a drumstick. Of course, only two of them could be suited, and he never got a drum-

boarders asked for a leg off one bird he lost his temper, and said he guessed they must think he was carving a centipede. After buying the three-legged turkey he found that the extra leg grew out of another one at the knee joint.

stick. The last time all three of the

and would be gone when the fowl was put on the table, and so after all the turkey had only two legs and a half .- Portland Oregonian.

JUST A DELICATE HINT.

How Irishman Wittily Suggested Additional Refreshment.

An Irish jarvey was driving with an English visitor, who was on his way to spend Christmas with some relatives in Ireland, on a bitterly cold day in December through the wilds of Connemara. They became quite sociable on the way, and the native, in a burst of confidence, pointed out a shebeen where the "best nothern in Connacht" might be obtained. The Englishman, only too glad to get an opportunity of warming himself, offered refreshment, which offer was readily accepted. 'Tis a very cold day in these parts,

Pat?" observed the tourist. 'Tis, your honor," replied Pat. He raised his glass, and the contents speedily vanished. "And there's truth in the ould sayin'," he suggestively added, smacking his lips; "one swal-

and coffee, and her patrons ate raven low never made a summer."-London ously. When they had finished, Cali-Tit-Bits. co took the waitress to one side and handed her a roll of bills. "Now Reaping Machines in Syria. then." said he, "we'll go to Big Reaping machines were employed this year for the first time by native The evening of the ball rolled around. The train which left Abilene farmers of Syria. These pioneers all came from Chicago. Eleven were ample time. At five Calico began dressing. His boots had been shined, his Coele-Syria and twenty-six in the plain hair sprinkled copiously with Florida of Esdraelon. Also, for the first time

working during the late harvest in water, his mustache greased and his in the history of this country, the preschin shaved. His hat was cocked to ent year has witnessed the introduc one side and a cigar tilted upwards | tion and operation in Syria of a steam when he called on "Stell." She sur- threshing outfit. It came from Rich mond, Ind., and caused considerable she said, "you'd look stylisher if you'd stir in Coele-Syria, where it was intake that air red handkerchief from stalled. Its success was complete even to the bruising of the straw-a most important item, since, in the ab-"Stell" was in a hurry. She had not sence of hay and with the sparing use begun to dress, and here it was close of oats, barley and other grains, to 6 o'clock. Once upstairs she becrushed straw, in these parts, constitutes the staple food for stock. Furtwo sizes too small for her. But she thermore, for the first time in the an-

The ball was a great social success To her surprise the first man to approach her when she arrived was How a Woman Handles an "Ad." A woman comes into a newspaper There were six members of the X Y office, comments on the condition of the weather, removes her gloves, raises her veil, gets out her \$4 lace handkerchief, digs into her chateline There were few fights, and the barrel bag and brings out a little scrap of paper, upon which is written a simof whisky lasted until daybreak, at which time the Abilene contingent ple advertisement for a hired girl. She then inquires the price, which is "Callco" and "Stell" slept in the to run at the head of the want column same seat during the ride, indiffer-213 days in the year, asks for the best ent to the eyes that were turned upon location possible, expresses a hope them. As they were descending from that she will get a good girl this time, puts her gloves back on, and, picking up her skirt, says: "Well, I guess "You cash in for me when you git to that's all, and departs, leaving her Marlin. I'm gwinter stay here. Somehandkerchief on the counter. When thing is to happen in about a week." she trots her 10-year-old boy on the

errand he dashes in, drops a quarter

Excusable Profanity.

Rear Admiral Melville addressed the

merely realistic and not profane in the

A Long Correspondence.

and Mrs. Sarah E. Martin of Weno-

county, Ohio, and were close friends

from earliest childhood. Forty-seven

years ago, however, the parents of

Mrs. Martin removed to Illinois, and

then began the correspondence that

has never been allowed to flag. At

least once every month they exchange

letters, one writing on the first and

the other on the fifteenth. The only

times they have not written is when

Siam's Crown Prince in Love.

Now that Chowfa Maha Vajiravoudh,

has left New York for home, they are

telling stories about him down there.

It is said that though he glanced more

than usually aslant at some of the

swell beauties he fell a victim to the

charms of an actress who is about

equally pretty and clever. He had

met her in London two years before

and his attentions became quite pro-

nounced. In addition to many pres-

ents he sent her reams of love letters

even dropping into poetry, some of it

is Russian for "sparkling eyes."

not half bad. The prince called her

Peculiar and Fatal Accident.

Mrs. Joseph Krumful of Altoona,

Penn., was milking, when the cow

turned her head to brush off a fiv

"Tcherno Okaya," which he explained

one has been visiting the other.

Mrs. J. J. Smith of Columbus, Ohio,

ordinary way.

and a slip of paper on the counter, TAKE CARE OF YOUR DIAMONDS. says, "Mom wants this in the paper." and is gone, after having slammed the door. But he has transacted the same to Explode. business.-Atchison Globe.

It has long been known that diamonds, especially the class known as "rose diamonds." are likely to explode if subjected only to what would seem Engineering society of Columbia unia very ordinary degree of heat. It is versity on Arctic experiences last now believed that the explosions are week, and for nearly three hours kept the result of the rapid expansion of his audience deeply interested, many certain volatile liuids inclosed in caviof his hearers being women. In tellties near the center of these precious ing what happened at the wreck of stones. A great many diamonds, even the Janette he said that at one time though cut, mounted and worn as he was afraid of being swamped and gems of perfection, are still in an unthat made him swear. "So I turned," finished condition—that is, the liquid said he, "and yelled, G- d-n it, I drop from which the stone is being must run for it or swamp.' It made formed has not as yet deposited all of me swear, ladies and gentlemen." For its "pure crystals of carbon." These a moment everybody was startled, but movable drops may occasionally be a round of applause soon testified to

seen with the naked eye. an understanding that the sailor was When this is the case a strong microscope will give the drop the appearance of a bubble in the fluid in a carpenter's level. It is also highly probable that besides the liquid mentioned these cavities may contain gases under great tension. This being the case, one may readily comprehend how a na. Ill., have a record for continuous, uninterrupted correspondence that very small amount of heat would cause the liquid and gas to expand to would be hard to equal. Both of these old ladies, were born in Frankiin such a degree that the diamond would give way with an explosion.

An Organization of the Maimed. New York has one distinct oddity in the way of a social organization. This is the Maimed Men's Club, each of whose eighteen members have lost, in one way or another, an arm or a leg. With the exception of two recently admitted members, both minus a hand left on Cuban battlefields, most of the men of this club lost their limbs in railroad accidents. One of the chief aims of the maimed men is to supply good legal talent to prose the sleek little crown prince of Siam, cute careless engineers and motormen in cases where some unfortunate railway victim, too poor to pay lawyers' fees, seeks a monetary solace for the loss of hand or foot.

President Roosevelt has received rom Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Haggerty of St. Louis a walking stick made from a tree on the battle ground of Wilson Creek, a tree on the Lookout Moun-"Come er runnin', boys, and look tain field, trees at Gettysburg, frame at this!" as he pointed to the silver of the Liberty bell, Grant's log cabin, Sherman's house, the house in which der what in thunder he thinks I Lee surrendered, the Springfield home come from. How much was it I give of Lincoln, the Morro Castle at Havana and the Christina Regina, sunk in Manila bay. The ferrule was made ing smallern' a fifty an' that's what of the iron of cars dumped into a creek by Gen. Marmaduke. Rev. Dr. and ran a horn into the woman's "Why, sure it was," said Buck. Haggerty was chaplain in Sherman's brain, through her eye, causing a fatal injury.

BLIZZARD PASSED EAST. Don't Die of

All Traffic Delayed In Several Northern States.

STOPS TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

St. Paul, Jan. 9.-The blizzard, which prevailed in the Dakotas Tuesday night passed eastward, the storm oming general throughout the Dakotas, Minuesota and into Wisconsin, northern Nebraska and northwestern Iowa. Throughout the storm-swept district the telegraph service has been disorganized, and railroad traffic has been badly crippled, trains being abandoned in many districts. In southern Minnesota the wind has been unusually severe. Albert Lea, near the Iowa line, reports business practically suspended on account of the blizzard. Mankato reports the gale abating somewhat in the southern part of the state, although the temperature is rapidly falling. The snow, which was not extremely heavy, drifted badly.

Brownsvalley, Minn., reports the storm the worst that has occurred in the last ten years. A heavy fall of snow and a northwest wind blowing about forty miles an hour, makes travel of all kinds impossible. All trains were abandoned.

Omaha.-All trains were seriously affected by the storm. The trains from the west were most seriously affected, although the trains from the north were all late. Several instances are reported where engineers stopped their trains entirely during certain spasms of storm, while they were on high or exposed ground, being afraid to run them because there was danger of being blown off the track while rounding curves.

Deadwood, S. D .- A hurricane swept the Black Hills region. Trees were blown across railroads and several trains were wrecked.

Gale in St. Joseph. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 10,-For twen-

ty-four hours Northern Missouri has been swept by a gale that has done serious damage in several places. The gale has laid low telegraph wires, delayed trains, smashed big windows, laid signs and smokestacks low and damaged trees and fences. The most serious damage was probably done the Grand Island railroad. Its wires were down and trains operated with their time cards for guides. Trains on all the other lines were delayed by the wind. Burlington wires north are down. At the Union station considerable slate was blown off the roof.

Russia's Wheat Crop. Washington, Jan. 8.-The report on foreign crops and crop conditions compiled by the statistical agent of the United States department of agriculture at London says that Russia, as a whole, harvested fine crops this year. Exports of grain, which have been very heavy. must diminish, although the stocks of wheat in Black seaports at a recent date were almost as large as all the corresponding date in 1901. The Russian railways have been overtaxed in moving the heavy crops of cereals.

Flynn's Two Bills.

Washington, Jan. 9. - Delegate Dennis Flynn has introduced a bill providing that it shall be lawful for the commissioner of the general land office to sell for not less than \$10.25 an acre any isolated or disconnected tract of the public domain of Oklahoma after such lands have been open to settlement for three years. Not more than 160 acres are to be sold to one person. Also a bill providing that the United States court in the western district of Indian territory shall be held at Wetunka and Bristow.

Rallroaders After Oil. Emporia, Kans., Jan. 7 .- The Emporia railroad men are the first to form an incorporated company in this town to dig for oil and gas. Their company is called the "Emporia Oil, Gas and Pipe Line Company," and is incorporated with a capital stock of \$250,000. The officers elected are: A. P. Goodhue, division foreman of the Santa Fe railroad, Emporia, president; Robert Oglesby, oil expert, Chanute, vice president; F. J. Conway, dispatcher, Santa Fe railroad, Emporia, secretary.

Cannot Corner Food Products Chicago, Jan. 10 .-- The appellate court sustained the injunction issued against eight board of trade members charged with operating a "corner" and sustaining the contention against the "cornering of the market." The court holds that under the laws of the state dealers cannot be forced to settle trades upon the basis of an artificial value created by the cornering of the market and that margins deposited in banks or elsewhere are within the jurisdiction of the court.

Collections Are Prompt. New York, Jan. 12.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s review says: "Collections are prompt at all leading centers, bearing testimony to the strong financial position of the nation's industries at the opening of the new year. Distribution of merchandise is heavy and manufacturers pressed for prompt delivery Orders for spring goods come freely and in some lines there is more than a sample business in fall weights. Tardy deliveries in the past lead purchasers to anticipate requirements.

Blizzard Beports. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 8.-A furious blizzard raged in Des Moines during the morning of Jan. 7, the wind blowing 30 miles an hour. Much damage was done. Telephone lines are down, signs have been torn off and plate glass windows broken. The temperature fell rapidly.

St. Paul, Minn.-A terrifle blizzard is raging in South Dakota and is moving rapidly eastward. Railroad service is at a standstill and fuel is scarce, causing increased suffering.

Pinn For Good Roads. Fort Scott, Kas., Jan. 6.-The Bourbon County Good Roads Association has effected a permanent organization. A committee was appointed to draft a bill to be presented to the legislature next week. The plan suggested is to have all road tax made payable in cash, and a general levy to be used in grading and macadamizing roads. An effort will also be made to get the government to conduct object lessons in road building under the direction of the agricultural department.

Consumption.



DR. D. P. YONKERMAN, The Discoverer of uberculozyne - Endorsed by State Officia and Greatest Medical Men of the World as the Only Oure for Consumption. as the Only Cure for Consumption. aption has at last been discovered. It re mained for a great physician of Michigan to find the only known cure for consumption, after almost a life's work spent in experimenting and

Consumptives who have returned from the West-come home to die because they thought nothing could be done for them-have tried this new discovery and are now well and strong.

If you are afflicted, do not fail to send at once to Dr. Derk P. Yonkerman, \$6 Shakespeare Bidg. Kalamaroo, Mich., for a free trial package of this remedy, proofs and testimonials from hundreds of cured patients, it costs nothing. The Doctor does not ask any one to take his word or the cost of the c any one else's, as he sends a trial package free, and a few days use will show you how easily and quickly you can be cured. Delay is dangerous. There is no time to lose when the death hand of consumption is tightening its clutch upon you Write to day.

United States Mountains. The three highest mountains in the United States, not including Alaska, are Mt. Whitney, California, 14,898 feet; Blanca Peak, Colorado, 14,464 feet, and Cerro Blanco, New Mexico, 14 269 feet. It is claimed that Mt. Rainer, Washington, is 14,500 feet

President Roosevelt's Frankness. Mr. Ware, commissioner of pensions, was not much inclined to accept the position when it was first offered him. He told President Roosevelt so, saying: "I don't like that job." The President frankly answered: "I assure you, Mr. Ware, that the longer you have the place the less you will like it, but still I urge you to accept."-Exchange.

Family of Heavyweights. I. H. Stone of Carrollton, Mo., with his wife and eight grown children, held a family reunion last week, some of the family coming from quite a'distance to attend. Mr. Stone remarked on the stalwart appearance of those present and all were weighed. The grand weight was just 1,989 pounds. an average for the ten of a fraction less than 200 pounds each.

Jim Keene's Specialty. According to a special dispatch Jim

Keene has sustained a loss of \$25,-000,000 through the recent disastrous slump in industrial stocks. There are but few of us who would not feel a bit poor after such a jolting as that. But what business had Jim Keene to be on the bull side of the market, anyway? James is more expert as a hammerer than as a booster.

Grand Duke's Glory Dimmed. Duke Paul Alexandrovitch with Mme. Pistolgors has resulted not only in his exclusion from the Russian army, but also in the loss of his allowance as grand duke, which amounted to nearly \$180,000, and the dismissal of his household. He will now have only a moderate income, and even this may be placed under the control of trustees.

The March of Science. Oolitie, Ind., January 12th .- That Oolitie is right abreast of the times in the use of the most recent discoveries in Medical Science is shown by recent cases in which those dreaded Kidney Complaints that cause so many deaths have been completely cured by the new Remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Many people in this neighborhood tell of aches relieved and pains denarted because of the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. One of these is W. A. Terry, the well known Grocer, Here

is his story: "I suffered for four months with Kidney and Bladder Trouble and was so had that I was almost confined to my bed. I could get no relief until I commenced using Dodd's Kidney

"I could notice an improvement the second day I took the pills. I would recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all sufferers from Kidney Complaints."

Vigilance of Austrian Law. Twenty-three years ago a fraudulent bankrupt fled from Buda Pesth to America, where he amassed a small fortune. Becoming homesick he returned recently to Austria, where be was recognized and promptly arrested.

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